UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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Austreberto QUIJADA Alvarez.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

This statement of facts is based on the reports, documents, and notes furnished to U. S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Special Agent Joe Morquecho.

On April 23, 2008 at approximately 0827 hours, Austreberto QUIJADA Alvarez entered the United States at the Calexico, California, West Port of Entry. QUIJADA was the driver of a 1993 Mercury Villager. QUIJADA gave Primary Officer Ramirez a negative oral Customs declaration and said that he was on his way to Wal-Mart in Calexico. Officer Ramirez referred QUIJADA and the vehicle to the vehicle secondary lot.

In the vehicle secondary lot, Officer Silva received a negative oral Customs Declaration from QUIJADA. Officer Silva requested Canine Enforcement Officer (CEO) Randolph screen the vehicle for contraband with his assigned Human Narcotic Detector Dog (HNDD). CEO Randolph noted that his HNDD alerted to the vehicle and advised Officer Silva.

A subsequent inspection of the vehicle revealed 66 packages in the quarter panels, gas tank, spare tire, sliding door, tail gate, and rear back seats of the vehicle. Officer Dorantes probed one of the packages and a sample of a green leafy substance was obtained, which field tested positive for marijuana. The 66 packages had a combined net weight of approximately 78.54 kilograms (172.78 pounds).

QUIJADA was advised of his Constitutional Rights and waived them. QUIJADA stated that he had agreed to smuggle drugs into the United States and was told he would be paid \$2,000.00 to drive the vehicle into the United States. QUIJADA said he planned on leaving the vehicle at a gas station with the keys in it.